

AMONG THE PLAYER FOLK.

Reported Rivalry to Secure Mrs. Potter and Kyle Bellew.

Rosina Vokes's Midweek Change of Bill at Daly's.

Following close upon the announcement in this column that Mrs. James Brown Potter and Kyle Bellew were to return to this country next Fall, comes the somewhat amusing report that managers are tumbling over each other in their efforts to secure the couple for the proposed American tour. It is said that four managers are calling daily from this city, two are on steamers on their way to London, and as many more have representatives on the other side endeavoring to close contracts with Mrs. Brown Potter and Bellew. At all of which other wise managers smile a knowing smile.

Three old favorites in Rosina Vokes's repertoire were given for the midweek change of bill by "Daly's" last night. "A Game of Cards," "The Circus Rider" and "A Pantomime Rehearsal" were presented mostly by Miss Vokes and her excellent company can present them. They will comprise the bill for the rest of the week.

Miss Edith Kenwood, who will have the part of a cockney boy in "The Robber of the Rhine," which is to open the new Fifth Avenue Theatre sooner or later, says she is in love with the part, but is acutely afraid New Yorkers will not appreciate cockney character.

More than ordinary interest is being taken by the profession in the benefit to be given Ernest Hutchinson, Lydia Thompson's manager, who was so brutally assaulted recently in the lobby of the Fourteenth Street Theatre. One of the players in the company, which she was pleased to be pleased to give her services, and it is believed that this will be one of the first to speak up in her defense. The Casino Riders and the amateur volunteers will appear. Annie Dixey and the amateur volunteers will appear. Lydia Thompson, the other members of Rosina Vokes's company, Miss Kenwood, and Marshall P. Wilder, all friends of Mr. Hutchinson, are among the many volunteers.

Jeff D'Angelis, the Casino comedian, is writing a book to be entitled "Eldores," giving his experiences in the theatrical profession.

Rudolph Aronson, who has been securing European attractions for his roof-garden, is expected home this week.

Marie Hallon, whose abrupt departure from the Casino once furnished a small sensation, is now playing "La Cigale" in Australia.

Mr. Gerry has made De Wolfe Hopper a real knight by ordering that the four little girls shall cease singing the nursery rhymes in "Wang." Why, they sang the rhymes for two years, and I am told, without Mr. Gerry's consent," says Hopper, "and I don't understand the reason for stopping them in the middle of it. However, Hopper can waltz to the children, and perhaps that will please them just as well."

A novelty in dancing is to be announced, will be seen in "Elysium" at Herrmann's Theatre next week. It is called the "Koota-Koota," which means "I am your mother." It is by Avita, an English character actress, who is said to have performed it before the Rajah during her visit to the East Indies. Isn't that nice?

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robson sailed for Europe yesterday on the steamer "Empress Victoria." They are to make a tour of the Continent and return to this city late in August.

The regular season at Herrmann's Theatre closes to-morrow night. The magician has shown considerable managerial wisdom in presenting a popular list of attractions at his pretty theatre.

MRS. MAULEY WEDS AGAIN.

She Was the Widow of Cremona Mission Jersey McAuley.

The marriage was announced this morning of Mrs. Maria McAuley, widow of Jerry McAuley, of the Cremona Mission, in West Thirty-second street, to Bradford L. Gilbert, an architect, of 50 Broadway.

The acquaintance of the pair began through their mutual interest in Christian work, especially that of the Cremona Mission.

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SPORTING NEWS AND NOTES.

Trainer O'Rourke's Opinion on the Johnston-Dixon Fight.

The event in pugilism is that probably exciting more interest than any other scheduled for the near future is between Fred Johnston, England, and George Dixon, the clever colored feather-weight.

Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, in talking about the fight, said: "The fight will be a good one, but we might as well let Dixon come in first, yet as the reporters from England have been numerous and varied that we do not know how to take them. They say that Johnston has started for this country, and as soon as I am positive of this fact Dixon will begin to work in earnest. I am anxious to get him to work too, as he has been taking things pretty easy during the winter and I will need some hard training to get him fit. The entries will be coming in rapidly from some of the best pugilists in this vicinity."

There is considerable interest centred in the athletic club to be held at Princeton's Berkely Oval between Princeton and Columbia.

Both institutions will be represented by some good work done by several young men of our club, who have been working the hardest and have developed considerable speed. The entries will be coming in rapidly from some of the best pugilists in this vicinity."

William Fisher, the barker of Louis Lawrence, prominent German wrestler, who has met and beaten every man in America, has challenged Ernest Roebber, for the Grass-to-Ground championship of America. Lawrence is twenty years of age, stands 5 feet 10 inches high and weighs 165 pounds.

O'Rourke was told that two members of the Manhattan Athletic Club had said, that they knew Johnston in England, and that he had whipped Plummer in a single round. "How much money have they got to lay on Johnston?" said O'Rourke. "That was all the notice he took of the rumor.

O'Rourke says: "Dixiehams business in challenging Plummer, but we have heard nothing from the latter's backers. Just as soon as they want to close terms we are ready.

We have no fears as to Dixon's ability to get down to 113 pounds, and he is strong at that. A battle with either Johnstone or Plummer would make very interesting fighting.

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